

### **Amendments to the Drawings**

A Replacement Drawing Sheet containing corrections to Figure 9 is included in the Appendix. The failure to approve the drawings submitted in applicant's previous response is understood to substantively refer only to Figure 9, and it is understood that only changes to Figure 9 are appropriate at this time. An annotated sheet designating the changes is also included. The annotated sheet is not intended as replacement sheet.

## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claim 20 has been amended to recite that the outer layer completely overlies the releaseable fasteners. The rejection of claim 20 is believed to have been expressly based on an interpretation of claim 20 in which fasteners, other than the releasable fasteners might be partially covered as in Bernard. Since claim 20 was not intended to be read as broadly as interpreted in the rejection. Applicant submits that claim 20 would not have been susceptible of such an interpretation. However, in an effort to expedite consideration of this application, applicant is willing to amend claim 20 in the manner believed to have been implicit in the statement of reasons for rejecting claim 20 over Bernard.

Claim 20 has been amended in line 1 in the manner suggested in the claim objections in the Final Rejection.

Claims 23 and 28 have been canceled to expedite consideration of this application.

The objection to the specification is understood to refer to the replacement of reference number 162 with reference number 163 in a consistent manner. The replacement paragraph is therefore believed to be correct this error. No other errors are apparent to the undersigned.

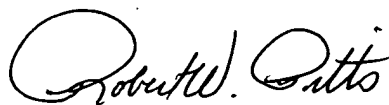
A replacement drawing sheet for Figure 9 is submitted. As understood, this is the only pending substantive drawing objection.

If the undersigned attorney has misconstrued any of the rejections and objections in the Final Rejection, additional minor changes could be authorized by telephone.

This amendment is believed to place this application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative is believed to eliminate issues for appeal. Entry of this Amendment

After Final is therefore believed to be appropriate. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is also believed to be appropriate and such action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Pitts". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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**Appendix**

One Replacement Drawing Sheet is submitted herewith.